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May 10, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds, on behalf of the County, allocated by the California Board of Corrections (BOC) under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), in the amount of \$735,000.
2. Authorize the District Attorney and Public Defender, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Director for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the grant award agreement and any required extensions, revisions, or amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the program is to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system and to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The BOC supports this ongoing effort by coordinating JABG grant funds for State and local government agencies. This is the seventh year of the JABG program. The current program funding cycle will fund programs from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

In accordance with the granting agency requirements, on April 21, 2005, the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) convened a meeting of the JABG Advisory Board comprised of representatives from various juvenile justice agencies to consider and recommend allocation of the \$735,000 JABG funds allocated to the County. The JABG Advisory Board voted to recommend allocation of \$220,609, or 30 percent of the funds to the District Attorney's Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program and \$514,755, or 70 percent to the Public Defender Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (C.A.R.E.) program. A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant funds is required by the BOC in order for the funds to be released to the County.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These JABG programs are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Service Excellence, to provide quality public service; Goal No. 3, Organizational Effectiveness, to enhance organizational effectiveness across jurisdictional boundaries; Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, to secure available revenue sources at the Federal level; and Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-Being to promote the social and emotional well-being of minors and families in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Los Angeles County's 2005 JABG allocation is \$735,000 which is 54 percent less than the prior year. The funds awarded by the BOC provide 90 percent of the program costs with participating departments absorbing the required 10 percent match. Funding adjustments will be included in the 2005-06 Budget during Final Changes for the programs detailed in Attachment I.

Should funding for these programs be terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the programs could either be continued with costs absorbed by the participating departments, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The JABG program remains under Title II of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. The federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recently published the 2005 JABG funding award amounts designated by Congress. The amount allocated for California is \$4,761,000 which is \$9,622,000 less than last year. Of the state award, \$735,000 is allocated to Los Angeles County.

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The JABG Advisory Board membership consists of the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Sheriff, District Attorney, Chief Probation Officer, Public Defender, County Superintendent of Schools, Chief of County Police, Center for the Asian Pacific Family, Homeboy Industries, and Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

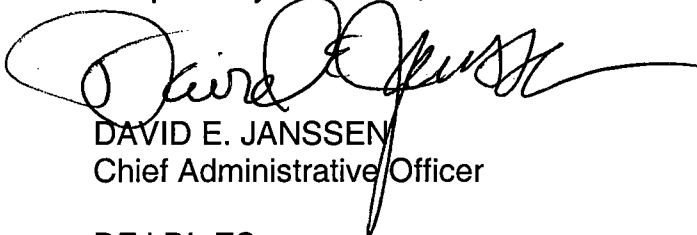
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Due to the 54 percent grant funding reduction, total program funding is reduced by \$871,000. The District Attorney's JOIN program is unaffected in the current year by this funding reduction because it is offset by JABG funds for the first time in 2005-06. The Public Defender's C.A.R.E. program received \$894,000 in the past grant allocation period, and will receive \$379,000 less during the 2005-06 fiscal year. The Public Defender is attempting to identify another funding source to offset this reduction. In the event alternative funding cannot be identified, the unfunded program components will be absorbed by the department or reduced as necessary. The funding allocation was recommended by the JABG Advisory Board and has been reviewed and cleared by affected County departments regarding service level impact.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board return three original signature copies of the adopted Resolution to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

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RMG:yf

Attachment

c: County Counsel
District Attorney
Public Defender

COUNTY JABG FUNDS

The District Attorney and Public Defender are the County agencies participating in JABG. Each of the participating County agencies will use the grant funds for the following programs:

District Attorney \$ 220,609

- The Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) Program diverts youthful first-time serious offenders out of the criminal justice system by referring them to District Attorney Juvenile Hearing Officers, who conduct hearings and work in close cooperation with local schools, the Juvenile Court, Probation and the community to provide a diversion and restitution program for greater-risk youthful offenders and their parents. All cases are intensively supervised and monitored by the Hearing Officers for one year post-hearing. If the youth re-offends, the original case is returned to the District Attorney for filing.

Public Defender \$ 514,755

- The Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (C.A.R.E.) Project strategically integrates psychiatric social workers and resource specialist attorneys into the defense teams at the 10 Juvenile Courts to help identify and refer juvenile clients who appear to have psycho-social, mental health, substance abuse problems, and learning disabilities to the C.A.R.E. Project for social work services. C.A.R.E Project services include identifying services and programs to meet the minor's needs, assisting in initiating early intervention through needed services, providing client support during the court process, and developing recommendations for disposition plans and conditions of probation in difficult cases. The Project will serve 1,200 juvenile clients during the grant period.

Total JABG Funds \$ 735,364

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to undertake the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) and the Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (C.A.R.E.) projects to be funded in part from funds made available through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program administered by the State Board of Corrections (BOC) (hereafter referred to as BOC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles authorizes the District Attorney and Public Defender or their designees, to submit the two proposals to the BOC. Said individuals are authorized to sign and approve the Grant Award Agreement including any extensions or amendments thereof on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and to serve as Project Directors and perform all necessary tasks to complete the projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of the BOC and that the match will be appropriated as required.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and the BOC disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

1 The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2005, passed,
2 approved, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los
3 Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and
4 taxing district, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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6 **Ayes:**

7 **Noes:**

8 **Absent:**
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11 **VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer-**
12 **Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the**
13 **County of Los Angeles**

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15 By _____
16 **Deputy**

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18 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**
19 **Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.**
20 **COUNTY COUNSEL**

21 By 
22 **GORDON W. TRASK**
23 **Principal Deputy County Counsel**
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